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What is the Washington State Fire Services Mobilization Plan?

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During the summer months you see, hear, and read that a wildland fire is burning somewhere in the state and the Washington State Fire Services Mobilization Plan has been activated. Just what is this Plan?

In 1992, the Washington State Legislature directed the creation of the Washington State Fire Services Mobilization Plan. The State Fire Defense Committee was created and charged with the writing and maintenance of the Plan.

The committee consists of two representatives from nine geographical regions within the state. The committee wrote the first Plan in 1994. Since 1994, the Plan has been enacted 89 times with 87 of those for large fires.

The fire chief, in consultation with the regional coordinator, makes the request for mobilization through the Washington State Emergency Management Division (EMD) Duty Officer.

The Plan ensures that a large scale deployment of fire service resources is conducted in an organized style and that responding and host resources are reimbursed. Responding resources are managed by an Incident Management Team (IMT). The size of the team depends on the complexity of the incident and number of resources that are managed.

Statewide there are several regional Type 3 Incident Management Teams (from 5 to 25 people) and five Type 2 Interagency Incident Management teams (50 person standing teams). The Type 2 teams are comprised of personnel from Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the state's fire service jurisdictions and the five federal wildland firefighting agencies (Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service and National Parks Service).

How a State Mobilization is declared:

1. A fire chief of a local fire district has expended all local and

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2007 NAEFO Convention

The Fourth Annual Convention of the National Association of Elected Fire Officials (NAEFO) will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, September 18-19, 2007 at the at The Golden Nugget Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The convention provides an excellent opportunity to get involved in a growing organization that is dedicated to elected fire officials' issues on the national level. The featured speaker this year is Sean Carroll of the Congressional Fire Services Institute in Washington, D.C.

A registration brochure was distributed to WFCA members in July; if you would like an additional copy, log onto www.naefo.org or call the WFCA office at 1.800.491.9322.

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A Message from the President by Joe Dawson



Summer fire season is once again upon us. I give thanks daily for the courageous fire fighters in our state and

the Northwest, in general, for the effort they put forth in the interest of our safety and comfort. They are all truly unsung heroes.

Your WFCOA Board of Directors met in Olympia on Saturday, July 7. I continue to be amazed at the dedication to the fire service in general and our association in particular of these fine folks. Highlights of our recent meeting include the following:

◆ Bill Hansen, Bylaws and Resolutions Committee chair, walked us through the various amendments to the bylaws that have been presented and the committee's recommendations regarding the proposed amendments. Action on this issue will take place at our annual conference in October. Commissioners will receive a complete bylaws report in the mail in September.

◆ The topics of the mini sessions at our conference, as recommended by the Education Committee, were approved. Topics include:

- Volunteer Reimbursement & the IRS
- How to Prevent Fraud in Your Fire District
- Health Care Issues 2007
- Bond Funding for Fire Districts
- Growth Management Issues and How Fire Districts Can be Involved
- Public Works & Purchasing Equipment
- A general session on personal development and leadership.

I believe all of these topics to be timely and of benefit to our organization.

◆ Sharon Colby (Spokane 3) was appointed to serve as our third representative on the Leadership Forum. She joins Keith Merritt (Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue) and Dale Mitchell (Pierce 8) on this committee.

◆ The Board approved all but two of the Strategic Initiatives for our Strategic Plan. The final two will

be addressed at our October Board meeting prior to conference.

◆ Last but not least, the Board elected to send the names of three commissioners to the Governor's office for her consideration in making an appointment to the EMS & Trauma Care Steering Committee.

The names forwarded were Chris Caviezel (King/Kittitas 51), Roy Waugh (Snohomish 7) and David Walker (Skagit 5). By the time you receive this issue of *Fireline* the Governor will most likely have made her appointment. The Board joins me in thanking all of you who answered the call and submitted your name for consideration.

As mentioned earlier in this article, it looks like we have a fine program scheduled for our fall conference in Pasco. The folks in the Tri-Cities who are serving as the Host Committee have worked hard to provide us with an enjoyable experience. Let's all show them our appreciation by having a good turnout for the conference. See you then.

2007 Fire Marshal Roundtable

The Washington State Fire Marshal's Office and the Washington State Association of Fire Marshals will hold the 2007 Fire Marshals Roundtable at the Quinault Beach Resort in Ocean Shores, October 16-19. This year's conference will focus on important prevention and strategy issues facing fire officials.

The conference is specifically designed for fire chiefs, fire marshals, code enforcement personnel, public educators and building officials; however, the conference will cover diverse issues of interest and concern to everyone.

For more information concerning the Roundtable, log onto www.wsafm.com (select **Events** in the drop-down menu on the **Resources** tab) or email ellen.tombleson@wsp.wa.gov.

ON THE WEB

Check out the WFCOA website for current position announcements and equipment sales in the *Classified Ads* section. Log onto www.wfca.wa.gov.



59th Annual WFCFA Conference

The WFCFA's 59th Annual Conference will be held at the Pasco Red Lion Hotel beginning Thursday, October 25, 2007. Conference will conclude on Saturday, October 27, at approximately 12 noon; please note that there is a schedule change this year (Saturday breakfast instead of lunch—see below for details). The room block at the Red Lion is full; however, rooms are still available at nearby Best Western—call 1.866.313.7599 to secure your reservation.

Thanks to those of you who completed the 2007 seminar evaluation forms—your input directly affects the Education Committee's decisions on course offerings. The following is information concerning conference; for a complete schedule of events and registration form, refer to the brochure which was mailed to all members, or visit www.wfca.wa.gov (click **WFCFA Programs** on the drop-down menu entitled **Education & Training** to download the registration form), or call the WFCFA office at 1.800.491.9322.



WELCOME TO CONFERENCE!

A Welcome to Conference Continental Breakfast, sponsored by WFCFA Associate Members Emergency Services Insurance Program (ESIP) and Rice Fergus Miller Architects, will be held on Thursday, October 25, beginning at 8 a.m. Be sure to stop by for good food and good conversation!



BOARD INSTALLATION BREAKFAST

The 2008 WFCFA Board Installation program will take place during a group breakfast on Saturday morning, October 27 (the installation luncheon has been eliminated). Following the breakfast, there will be a general session for all conference participants which will conclude conference (at approximately 12 noon).

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Conference registration forms have been distributed to all WFCFA members. The registration forms outline class topics, schedule of events (including specific timelines for workshops, business sessions, meal functions) and other conference information. Be sure to submit your registration prior to the October 19 deadline! A separate registration will be mailed for the Snure Seminar which will be held the evening of Wednesday, October 24.

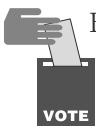


MULTI-YEAR AWARDS FOR FIRE COMMISSIONER SERVICE

The WFCFA offers a recognition program to acknowledge 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of commissioner service. To qualify for any of these awards, an individual must be from a member fire district and service must be as a fire commissioner (no other positions of service on behalf of the district apply to this award). Each award features a commemorative item which will be presented to the qualifying commissioner during conference. If you have completed 10, 15, 20 or 25 years of commissioner service, please contact the WFCFA office for an application form.



BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS



Elections will be held on Friday, October 26, from 10:30 to 11 a.m., for the officers and odd-numbered regional director positions. The length of time allotted for voting will be 30 minutes, as previously determined by the membership. The Nominating Committee report will be included in the next edition of *Fireline*.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Each year at conference a memorial service is held to remember commissioners, secretaries and chiefs who have passed away during the year. Please contact the WFCFA office if you know of someone who has passed away. The Conference Host Committee is working on a special tribute and has requested photos of our deceased fire service friends and/or patches from their fire districts. Any materials you can provide will be greatly appreciated (please forward to the WFCFA office).

REGISTRATION GRANT PROGRAM

The WFCFA offers a registration grant program to fire districts with budgets of \$50 million or less. If your district qualifies, please contact the WFCFA office at 1.800.491.9322 or email wfca@wfca.wa.gov for more information.

RESERVED TABLES FOR FRIDAY BANQUET



Sign-up sheets for reserving tables at the Friday banquet will be available at the WFCFA conference registration desk—reservations will be taken when the desk opens on Wednesday afternoon, October 24. (Each banquet table will seat 8 people.)

Ads

JUST REDUCED!!! FOR SALE by Grays Harbor 5: '79 Ford F800 2000 gallon Tender, 475-4V, 31000 GVWR, ONLY 7597 mi (very little use!), 5 spd man, gas, PTO Pump, Electric Hose Reel, good rubber. Left & right side 2 1/2" suctions & discharge, rear 2 1/2" discharge. Ext ladder & roof ladder. Asking \$6,500. If interested, email coggan@ghfd5.org.

FOR SALE by Mason 13: Dist accepting sealed bids for '98 Mallory 70RS Compressed Air Foam System; slip in unit w/95 hrs. 40 hp V4 Wisconsin eng, 150 GPM pump on board, foam proportioner, 2- 1 1/2" CAFS discharges, 1- 2 1/2" CAFS discharge, plumbed for 1 1/2" monitor, foam proportioner rebuild in '06. Needs air intake repaired on Bauer 70 CFM compressor. Min bid \$2500. Sealed bids must be received by 5 pm, 9/14/07 at Station 13-1 (13375 W Cloquallum Road, Elma, WA 98541). Bids will be opened at 5:30 pm, 9/14 at the regular Board of Fire Comm meeting, an open public mtg, during which the Board *may* take formal action. The Board reserves the right to reject any/all bids, to waive minor irregularities in any bid & to accept any proposal which meets or exceeds District 13 req & which the Board deems in the best interest of the dist. The above unit to be sold by bill of sale & will be sold as is where is w/no warr expressed/implied. Call Fire Chief Stan Loertscher, 360.482.4610 or fax 360.482.4610.

FOR SALE by Pierce 6 (Central Pierce Fire & Rescue):

- 1-SCBA 4500# fill station, complete w/24- 2400# Breathing Air cyl. Misc cascade system fittings, valves & hose avail as they last. \$3,500 for all OBO.
- 1 - '90 Emerg One (E-I) 4-door pumper, Cummins L-10- 350 hp eng, Allison HT-740 AT, 1,500 gpm Top Mount Hale Pump, 750 tank, 6 kw Onan Dies Generator, Deck Gun, 1,000' 5" hose, misc adapters, AMKUS Combo Tool w/pump, gas pwr'd ventilation fan, 1-24' extension, 1-14' roof ladder, misc flashlights & chargers. Motorola Radio, intercom system. Approx 155,000 mi. \$55,000 OBO. Avail 6/07.

Items sold "As Is, Where Is" w/no warr expressed/implied. Inspect at 17210 110th Ave E, Puyallup, WA 98374.

Contact Asst Chief William Thomas @ 253.538.6400, Fax 253.537.7294 or email wthomas@centralpiercefir.org.

FOR SALE by Snohomish 7: The following type III ambulances:

- '89 Northstar ambulance, 172,918 mi, good cond, est fair market value \$5,000.
- '92 Northstar ambulance, 102,922 mi, good cond, est fair market value \$13,000.
- '95 Northstar ambulance, 130,008 mi, good cond, est fair market value \$12,000.

Pictures avail on dist website @ www.firedistrict7.com. Dist will negotiate price w/any interested party. Direct questions to Asst Chief Eric Andrews @ 360.668.5357. Avail for immed transfer.

FOR SALE by Snohomish 28:

- 2 new TOYO Hyparadial tubeless M320z 11R 22.5 16 PR tires on new white 10 lug rims—\$900. Tires purchased new & have about 100 mi on them. Contact Asst Chief Walters @ 360.793.0866 or email fire28@premier1.net.

- '95 Internat'l Rescue/Aid Car. Dist accepting sealed bids (min \$35,000); identify bid as "Rescue/Aid car Bid". Bids accepted at Snohomish 28, Station 55/512 Ave A, Index, WA 98256 or can be mailed to the dist @ PO Box 64, Index, WA 98256. Vehicle specs are as follows: '95 International 4700LP series chassis w/Allison AT; EMS Compartment capable of carrying 2 Patients (1 on gurney, 1 on bench seat); Eng--DT466 230 HP Internat'l Dies; 10,131 mi; 753 Eng hrs; Front Mounted 750 GPM Hale Pump w/Three Discharges; Foam Pro 1001 Foam System w/20 Gal Foam Cell; 500 Gal Polypropylene Booster Tank; Code Three Lights; Intercom System; 2 Preconnect Cross lays (capable of carrying 200' of 1 3/4" hose); Five outside compartments w/lots of storage space; Rear wheel airbag suspension; On board O2 in EMS compartment w/remote electric valve operation; Onboard, built-in suction unit. To view the apparatus or for more info, contact Asst Chief Ernie Walters @ 360.793.0866. The dist reserves the right to refuse any/all bids. Vehicle is sold "As is", "Where is" w/no warranty expressed or implied.

FOR SALE by Walla Walla 4: District

accepting bids for 28 surplus Survivair Panther SCBA's and 79 Survivair bottles. Units have been in service for 7 years & are in good shape. The SCBA's are being sold "as is, where is" with no guarantee or warranty as to their condition or performance. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on 9/12/07. All bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Board held that evening. Bids should be mailed or delivered to:

Chief Rocky Eastman
Walla Walla County Fire District 4
2251 S. Howard
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Bids shall state "Bid for Surplus SCBA's" on outside of envelope. Dist reserves right to reject any/all bids & accept bid deemed in the district's best interest For info/to inspect, email Chief Rocky Eastman at rewwwfire4@gohighspeed.com, call 509.529.1282 or write the address above.

COMING UP IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF FIRELINE...

➡ **Could Network Congestion Block Your Emergency Calls?**

➡ **2007 Nominating Committee Report**

➡ **Detailed Conference Class Information**

Look for your copy in early October!



WFCA AUXILIARY SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE

Dear Friends,

As the time for the WFCA Annual Convention (October 25-27) in Pasco approaches, the WFCA Auxiliary is making plans for its **2007 Annual Silent Auction & Raffle**. The proceeds of this auction benefit the Harborview Burn Center. In the past 20+ years we have raised nearly \$60,000 for this project.

Once again, we are asking for your help on this year's auction!

1. **CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE AUCTION.** It is through the generosity of people like you that the Silent Auction and Raffle has been so successful in the past. If you would be able to contribute we would be very appreciative. Your generous donations may be left in the Silent Auction & Raffle room (Project/Design meeting room at the Pasco Red Lion) Wednesday night, October 24th or Thursday morning, October 25th. Please be sure to identify your district on your donation. Thank you in advance for your support.

NOTE: WE REGRET THAT WE **CANNOT** ACCEPT ANY PERISHABLE ITEMS.

2. **MEMBERSHIP.** We need people who are willing to join our group and help or donate to the Silent Auction. The cost of insurance and mailing is going up and if we do not get more members the cost has to come out of our overhead. The dues are \$15.00. All dues will go to help with our expenses and you will have contributed to a very good cause.

Thank you,

Lois Hensley

To contact Lois Hensley, Silent Auction & Raffle Chairperson, write 1603 W. Ballard Rd., Spokane, WA 99208, or call 509.466.2162.

To contact Kim Burrus, Silent Auction & Raffle Co-Chairperson, write 4109 Melody Ln., Pasco, WA 99302, or call 509.547.9476.

NOTE: Only cash or check payments will be accepted for auction and raffle items.

WFCA Health Care

Administrative workshops for the WFCA health care program were held earlier this month in Kelso, Lynnwood and Spokane; turnout was good. There are many changes and enhancements for the 2008 plans so if you were unable to attend a workshop, please call WFCA Health Care Manager Tom Treves at 1.877.866.9322 for information.

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mutual aid resources in attempting to control a large, growing fire that is threatening homes and determines that additional resources are needed to control the fire.

2. The fire chief, in consultation with the regional coordinator, makes the request for mobilization through the Washington State Emergency Management Division (EMD) Duty Officer.

3. The duty officer forwards the request to the Washington State Patrol, Office of the State Fire Marshal, who reviews the request.

4. The request is then forwarded

to the Chief of the Washington State Patrol for approval. If the mobilization request is approved, the local fire chief is notified.

5. The chief of the Washington State Patrol will notify the governor's office and the Office of Financial Management of the Mobilization.

For additional information on the Mobilization Plan, please contact Deputy State Fire Marshal Esther Hernandez, at 360.753.0443, or visit the Washington State Fire Marshal's webpage at www.wsp.wa.gov.

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